

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claim 3 has been withdrawn and claims 42 and 43 have been added. Claims 1, 2, and 4-41 are original claims from the present application.

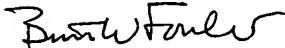
In reply to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Invention I, as defined in the Restriction Requirement stated in Item 1 of the detailed Office action. Original claims 1, 2, and 4-41, and new claims 42 and 43 read on the elected invention. As a result of this election, claim 3 has been withdrawn. The Applicants reserve the right to present the withdrawn claim in a divisional application to be submitted within the patent pending period of the current application.

As a result of the election of Invention I, Applicants provisionally elect species (i), as defined in Item 4 of the detailed Office action, for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Original generic claims 1, 2, 4-21, and 23-41, and new generic claims 42 and 43 read on the provisionally elected species. The Applicants reserve the right to consider claims to additional specie which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of any allowable generic claims.

These elections are made without traverse.

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